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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 1, 2002

APPLICATION OF

ECONOMIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.

CASE NO. PUC020027

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services and for interim
authority

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT AND GRANTING INTERIM AUTHORITY

On February 26, 2002, Economic Computer Systems, Inc.
("ECS" or "Applicant"), filed an application for certificates of
public convenience and necessity ("certificates") with the State
Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange
and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the
Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant also requested
authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services
on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of
Virginia and interim operating authority to provide
uninterrupted service to certain customers of Broadslate
Networks of Virginia, Inc. d/b/a Broadslate ("Broadslate").¹

¹ According to the application, ECS signed an agreement with Broadslate for the right to provide DSL service to Broadslate customers located in Fredericksburg, Charlottesville, and Roanoke and is presently negotiating with Asset Recovery Inc., a liquidator, to purchase certain network assets of Broadslate. Broadslate will cease its DSL service to its customers in Virginia on March 15, 2002.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that ECS's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that interested parties should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on ECS's application; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC020027.

(2) Economic Computer Systems, Inc., is hereby authorized to operate and provide telecommunications services to customers under the tariffs of Broadslate Networks of Virginia, Inc. d/b/a Broadslate, until the Commission renders a decision in this proceeding.

(3) On or before March 22, 2002, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
ECONOMIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC., FOR
CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AND
FOR INTERIM OPERATING AUTHORITY
CASE NO. PUC020027

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Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, or can be ordered from ECS's counsel, Scott M.J. Anderegg, Esquire, PennStuart, 801 East Main Street, Suite 1110, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Any person desiring to comment on ECS's application for certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments in writing on or before April 5, 2002, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below.

Any person may request a hearing on ECS's application by filing an original and fifteen (15) copies of its request for hearing on or before April 5, 2002, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Requests for hearing must state with specificity why a hearing should be conducted.

All written communications to the Commission concerning ECS's application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and must refer to Case No. PUC020027.

ECONOMIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.

(4) On or before March 22, 2002, Applicant shall provide a copy of the notice contained in ordering paragraph three (3) to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia and each interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business. Lists of all current local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

(5) Any person desiring to comment in writing on ECS's application for a certificate to provide local exchange and

interexchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments on or before April 5, 2002, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth below. Comments must refer to Case No. PUC020027.

(6) On or before April 5, 2002, any person wishing to request a hearing on ECS's application for certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its request for hearing in writing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Written requests for hearing shall refer to Case No. PUC020027 and shall state the following: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the filing party; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in the matter. Copies shall also be served on the Applicant.

(7) On or before April 22, 2002, the Applicant shall file with the Commission proof of notice and proof of service as ordered herein.

(8) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of ECS's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before May 1, 2002.

(9) On or before May 10, 2002, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response to the Staff Report or parties' objections and requests for hearing. A copy of the response shall be delivered to Staff and the other parties by overnight delivery.

(10) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Parties shall provide to the Applicant, other additional parties, and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their requests for hearing, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Rules.

(11) This matter is continued generally.